

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 10:

A stopper plate 3 having a cut-away portion 2 which is open outward in the radial direction and a disc-shaped elastic member 4 are secured to the steering shaft 1, while a flange 5 of the yoke 11 is ~~attached to~~ supported on the shaft 1 through a bush 6.